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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takahiro NAKAHIGASHI et al.

Art Unit: 1775

Application No.: 09/589,225

Examiner: Archene A. Turner

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For: OBJECT COATED WITH CARBON FILM AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 18, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, please consider the following remarks during the prosecution of the above-identified application: